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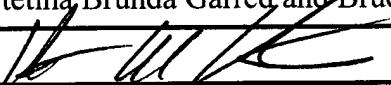
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1002 350	2002 175			Design filing fee	
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1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44			Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	7650	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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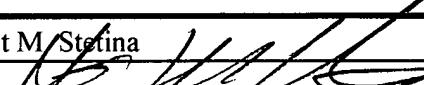
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Office Action, all of the pending claims 1-12 of the application were rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of United States Patent No. 6,796,951.

Pursuant thereto, Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in relation to the subject application over United States Letters Patent No. 6,796,951.

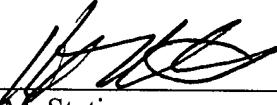
It is respectfully submitted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer eliminates the double-patenting rejection of the Examiner and hence the application is in a condition for allowance. A reconsideration and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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